

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, January 24, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Judge Link opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, and Sheriff Randy Middleton. Judge Link updated on the Changes to the Agenda. He updated that Magistrate Conrad was out of town and could not be here tonight.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2005, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link recognized the guests present and asked if anyone wanted to address the Court. No one did.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of January, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He asked if there were any questions about them. Judge Link did update on a lady that the Sheriff's Office had brought into the Detention Center and the cost of her medicine running around four or five thousand dollars a month, and stated that they had gotten her out of there as fast as possible.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-0796 thru 01-0866 in the amount of \$30,331.71 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-0297 thru 01-0317 in the amount of \$14,212.54 paid out of the Road Fund, Claims No. 03-1421 thru 03-1469 in the amount of \$77,446.89 paid out of the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-0008 and 04-00010 in the amount of \$3,768.50 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of January, 2005, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Animal Control Officer's Report for October-December 2004. No action is required. It is as follows: He reported that Donnie Ballard, Canine Control Officer, is doing a fantastic job and was keeping the Shelter clean and taking very good care of the animals, and that he was getting a lot of comments in regards to the Shelter being clean and the animals being kept clean, and commented that he appreciates the good job that Donnie is doing.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Carol Joy Greene to serve as Grant County Parks and Recreation Director at a salary of \$21,000.00, effective February 07, 2005. It is as follows: He again stated that he had interviewed her three times and gave a short update on her Qualifications. He feels that she will do a great job.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Carol Joy Greene as Grant County Parks and Recreation

Director effective January 31, 2005, as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Resignation of Jim Miller as Grant County Deputy Sheriff effective January 28, 2005. It is as follows: Sheriff Randy Middleton reported that the reason most of the Deputies are leaving is to get better paying jobs.

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to accept with regrets the Resignation of Jim Miller as Grant County Deputy Sheriff as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Resignation of Danny S. Scroggins as a member of the Grant County Planning Commission effective February 01, 2005. It is as follows:

Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to accept the Resignation of Danny S. Scroggins as a member of the Grant County Planning Commission as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review the Financial Report for Lloyd's Welfare House for Calendar Year 2004. No action is required. It is as follows: He said that we certainly appreciate K. G. Cummins and Edna Cummins and all the work that they do to make this facility available to the public and to keep it in good shape. Magistrate Messer reported

that they had done some landscaping there to make it look better and Judge Link updated that they had purchased some new tables for the building.

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Judge Link presented for review the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for December. No action is required. It is as follows: He also presented a Report from Sheriff Randy Middleton regarding the Grant County Fatalities during Calendar Year 2004. It is as follows: Judge Link summarized these and stated that it looked like most of them were on Federal or State Highways. Sheriff Middleton said that this is information in the State Data System and that most of the ones on I-75 were due to construction. Some discussion was held on the barrier walls along this road. Judge Link stated that he had written to the Department of Transportation and requested that they erect markers at the one tenth mile markers. Magistrate Messer asked how many fatalities were between Dry Ridge and Crittenden and Sheriff Middleton said that he would have to get this information. Discussion was held. Magistrate Austin updated on a lady who had gone off the road at the Lemon Northcutt Railroad Crossing and her loss of tires and the need to get something done at this area. He stated that these grade crossings need to be widened so people will have more room to pass. Sheriff Middleton reported that some tractor trailers were parking on the sides of the road at Needham Lane which made visibility hard to see for school buses when they come out. Discussion was held. Judge Link stated that there is already an Ordinance in place regarding this and that Sheriff Middleton just needed to enforce it, however he does that. It was reported that the tractor trailers also park along side the roads waiting for the gates to open at the Grant County Foods. They either need to open the gates or have these drivers park at Wal Mart or

somewhere else to park until they open. Judge Link also presented a report from the Grant County Planning Commission regarding Zoning Permits issued and Plats approved which has also been submitted to the Cities and the Schools. It is as follows:

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Judge Link also announced that he has three Appointments that need to be made to various boards. One is for the Council on Aging, one is for the Tourism Board and one is for the 109 Board, and he stated that if there is anyone in the county who would love to get involved and serve on any of these Boards to give him a call and they would be considered for Appointment.

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Judge Link reminded Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be on Monday, January 31, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, February 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Kenny Messer and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, February 07, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Patricia Conrad, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Absent; Kenny Messer, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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